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### **North Dakota Department of Health Reports Second Probable Case of H1N1 Influenza in North Dakota**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health today announced that a second lab specimen from a North Dakota patient will be submitted to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to be tested for the H1N1 novel influenza virus, also referred to as swine flu. This is the second probable case identified in the state. The individual is a resident of Ward County.

The North Dakota Department of Health is characterizing the case as “probable” – meaning that the lab has confirmed the virus as type A influenza, but the strain cannot be identified using lab tests available to the Department of Health. Additional testing by CDC will be needed to determine if the individual has the new strain of influenza.

Late last week the department announced a probable case in Burleigh County. Health officials are still waiting for lab results from the CDC to confirm that case. The patient is recovering at home and is reported to be doing well.

The Department of Health encourages people to continue to take steps to protect themselves by staying home if you are sick, covering your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing and sneezing and washing your hands often. For more information, please contact Kirby Kruger, Division of Disease Control, at 701.328.2378.

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**Note to the Media: We encourage members of the media to check the following website daily for updated case information: [www.ndflu.com/swineflu/](http://www.ndflu.com/swineflu/). This site will be updated every morning at approximately 10:15 a.m.**

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